S. No.	Name of RPOPO
8.	Chennai
9.	Cochin
10.	Delhi
11.	Ghaziabad
12.	Guwahati
13.	Hyderabad
14.	Jaipur
15.	Jalandhar
16.	Jammu
17.	Kozhikode
18.	Lucknow
19.	Mumbai
20.	Nagpur
21.	Panaji
22.	Patna
23.	Pune
24.	Srinagar
25.	Thane
26.	Trichy ri van
27.	drum
28.	Visakhapatnam

Pakistan's appeal to normalise relations

2713. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has appealed to India to break barriers and resume flight operation, Samjhauta Express, peace process and reduce army build-up at the borders;

(b) whether Pakistan of late has offered to normalise their relations with India before taking up Kashmir issue as appearing in the Press Media; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Pakistani leaders have frequently resorted to

propagandist rehetoric and empty public relation gimmicks of this nature, in their futile bid to deflect internaitonal focus from Pakistan's ongoing sponsorship of cross border terrorism in India.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Pakistan's negative and hostile approach towards India remains completely unchanged. During a public address on Sth February 2002, the President of Pakistan stated that *"the Indian Position that Kashmir is an integral part of India is untenable and therefore unacceptable"*. He also emphasized that the issue of Jammu and Kashmir remained central to India-Pakistan relations. It is also quite evident that despite its positive assurances to the international community to end the use of terrorism as an instrument of state policy, Pakistan is unwilling to take effective and irreversible steps to end its sponsorship of cross border terrorism in India.

The State of Jammu & Kashmir is, and will remain, an integral part of India. A part of the territory of the State is under the forcible and illegal occupation of Pakistan. Government are firmly resolved to take all necessary steps to preserve the security and territorial integrity of the country.

Vishva Hindi Sammelan

†2714. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) when the next Vishva Hindi Sammelan is going to be held along with the name of country where it is going to be held; and

(b) Government's view with regard to providing an opportunity of meetingholding discussion to higher officers of official language working in diferent Ministries, banks and PSUs with Hindi scholars at interntional forum on this occasion?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) The proposal for holding the next World Hindi

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.